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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: AGENDA ITEM 12 - DRAFT
RESOLUTION ON AFRICAN TRANSPORT DECADE

1. IN HIS REMARKS TO ECOSOC ECONOMIC COMMITTEE UNDER
AGENDA ITEM 12 (REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT), ECA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ADEDEJI REFERRED TO RESOLUTION 2 ECO
(XVIII) OF ECA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OUTLINED AN ACTION
PROGRAM "AS CONCERNED AT PRESENT". (SEE PARA 3 FOR TEXT).
IN FOLLOW-UP TO THESE, NIGERIAN DEL IS INFORMALLY CIR-
CULATING DRAFT RESOLUTION REPRODUCED IN PARA 4 BELOW.
THIS RESOLUTION A) ENDORSES RESOLUTION 2
- B) ASKS SYG TO PROVIDE ECA "THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE
DECADE" WITH THE FINANCIAL AND STAFF RESOURCES NECESSARY,
INCLUDING FOR THE AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
- C) CALLS FOR A "PLEDGING CONFERENCE" OF DONOR COUNTRIES
AND INSTITUTIONS IN 1979. THESE ARE RECOMMENDATIONS TO GA.

2. TEXT IS IN ROUGH FORM, AND CONTAINS MANY PHRASES
("PLEDGING CONFERENCE") WHICH WE CAN UNDOUBTEDLY ELIMINATE.
TAKEN TOGETHER WITH RES 2, HOWEVER, IT DOES PROVIDE
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FOR MANY SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN, AND FOR
THE REQUIRED RESOURCES TO BE PROVIDED. WE ASSUME A
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS STATEMENT WILL BE FORTH-
COMING AND WILL REPORT ON IT.

3. RESOLUTION MAY ALSO SERVE TO PUT U.S. ON THE SPOT,
EITHER NOW OR AT G.A. WHEN FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE

DISCUSSED IN ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE. U.S. HAS CONSISTENTLY VOICED SUPPORT FOR DECADE, AND (AT MAY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, FOR EXAMPLE) HAS URGED THAT ECA TAKE LEADING ROLE. YET, WE HAVE BEEN VERY CAUTIOUS AS TO BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS. WE BARELY AVOIDED DIFFICULT SITUATION OVER THIS ISSUE AT 32ND GA, AND WILL HAVE TO BE CONSCIOUS OF RISKS IN FUTURE. BEYOND THIS, OF COURSE, WILL BE THE QUESTION OF OUR ACTUAL CAPACITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE DECADE.

4. ACTION PROGRAM AS GIVEN BY ADEDEJI IS AS FOLLOWS:

- (I) AN INTER-AGENCY GUIDANCE AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE;
- (II) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TEAM OF EXPERTS AT ECA HEADQUARTERS IN ADDIS ABABA PARTLY TO ASSIST MEMBER STATES IDENTIFY PRIORITIES IN THEIR NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS PLANS FOR INCORPORATION IN THE DECADE PLAN AS WELL AS TO ASSIST DIRECTLY IN THE PREPARATION OF THE PLAN ITSELF;
- (III) A MEETING OF AFRICAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO EXAMINE AND APPROVE THE DRAFT PLAN;
- (IV) PERIODIC MEETING OF AFRICAN MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO CO-ORDINATE AND MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL, WHILE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTERIAL COUNCILS OF THE MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMMING AND OPERATIONS CENTRES (MULPOCS) WILL PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS AT THE SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS;

- (V) AN INTER-AGENCY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, OAU AND AFRICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FIELD OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING AND COLLATING THE MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR THE PERIODIC REPORTS WHICH THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL IS EXPECTED TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH ECOSOC;
- (VI) STRENGTHENING OF EXISTING SECTORAL INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEES LIKE PANAFTEL TO ENABLE THEM TO MONITOR PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS;
- (VII) A MEETING OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND AGENCIES TO BE CONVENED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOBILIZING FINANCIAL MATERIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECADE PLAN.

5. TEXT OF RESOLUTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTIONS:

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 2626 (XXV)
OF 24 OCTOBER 1970 ON THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE,
3202 (S-VII) OF 1 MAY 1974, CONTAINING THE PROGRAMME OF
ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
ORDER, AND 3362 (S-VII) OF 16 SEPTEMBER 1975 ON DEVELOPMENT
AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION, AND IN PARTICULAR
THE NEED TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE
INDUSTRIALIZED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,

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NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE INITIATIVE OF THE ORGANIZATION
OF AFRICAN UNITY AND THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTEGRATED AFRICAN ROAD NETWORK
AND THE RATIONALIZATION OF AFRICA'S RAILWAY SYSTEMS AND
OTHER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROMO-
TION OF MULTINATIONAL ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN AFRICA,
INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE AND THE POLITICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
INTEGRATION OF AFRICA, AND THE WORK CARRIED OUT SINCE
JUNE 1977,
RECALLING ALSO ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2097 (LXIII) OF 29 JULY
1977 ON THE TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS RESOLUTION 32/160 OF 19 DECEMBER 1977
WHICH INTER ALIA PROCLAIMED THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT
AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA DURING THE YEARS

1978-1988 AND REQUESTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MOBILIZE ALL NECESSARY RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS DECADE A SUCCESS,

TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF RESOLUTION ECO (XVIII) RES. 2 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
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RESOLUTION FOR AFRICA ADOPTED AT THE EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD IN KHARTOUM IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN IN MAY 1978 WHICH PROPOSED MEASURES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL STRATEGY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE DECADE,

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THE WORK CARRIED OUT SO FAR BY THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE DECADE:

1) ENDORSES RESOLUTION ECO (EVIII) RES. 2 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA WHICH DECIDED TO CONVENE EARLY IN 1979 A MEETING OF AFRICAN MINISTERS CONCERNED WITH MATTERS RELATING TO TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATION, WORKS AND PLANNING TO ADOPT AFRICA'S GLOBAL STRATEGY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION DECADE IN AFRICA;

2) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROVIDE THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THE DECADE WITH NECESSARY FINANCIAL AND STAFF RESOURCES THAT WILL ENABLE IT TO UNDERTAKE ALL PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DECADE INCLUDING THE PREPARATIONS FOR AND THE CONVENING OF THE CONFERENCE;

3) REQUESTS FURTHER THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONVENING OF A PLEDGING CONFERENCE OF DONOR COUNTRIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1979;

4. URGES THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN PARTICULAR, THE
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DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHERS IN A POSITION TO DO SO, TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT AND TO CONTRIBUTE SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS FOR THE

ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRANS-
PORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA. VANDEN HEUVEL

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